

Preparations For Exams Induces Pessimism

FITCHBURG VARSITY WINS SEASON'S OPENER

Friday night, the Varsity basketball team opened the 1939 season by defeating Farmington Normal School at Farmington, Maine 37-36 in an over time period.

The team looked impressive at times in this close game, playing against a team with seven games under its belt. Although trailing 17-16, at the half, Fitchburg rallied to tie the score at 33 all, as the game ended. In the overtime Creamer scored the winning basket.

Chet Smith led the scorers with 12 points, while Berry scored 11 from his guard position. Capt. Creamer directed and passed his team to victory from his new forward position. For Farmington McLery with 10 points and

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PARENT TEACHERS ASSN.

Monday evening January 16, at the Training School Parent-Teacher Association meeting in the Dillon School, Miss Gearan, Miss White, and eleven senior students of our college carried out an interesting panel discussion on the influences of various local agencies upon educational programs.

Miss Gearan, chairman of the affair, gave a brief, comprehensive introduction and then, with several inspiring comments, presented the speakers. The group participating and their topics were: Mary Walsh, Home; Henry Lambert, Scouting; Bernadine Johnson, Dental Clinic; Eleanor McCarthy, Milk Company; Hemi Matilainen, Fire Department;

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JUNIOR PROM CHAIRMAN



HARRY O'CONNELL

USHERS FOR JUNIOR PROM CHOSEN

Plans for the Junior Promenade to be held at Longwood Towers in Brookline on Friday, January 27, have been completed. The dance is to be the best one the class has ever sponsored and the best Junior Prom Fitchburg has ever had.

Ushers chosen from the Sophomore Class are as follows: Sirkka Waris, Gil Berry, Head Ushers Lillian Szocik, Ted Laubner, Mary Gibbons, George Joseph, Ethel Mandrus, John Mulski, Dot Hacket, Chet Smith, Beverly O'Donnell, Jim Brennan.

This prom is the first Junior Prom to be held outside of the College and plans for future proms will depend upon this one.

JANUARY 16 TO 20 IS THE FATAL WEEK

"Midyears" Consist of
Two Examinations Daily

Students hastily working on term papers and note books; intensive studying during the past week; worried and forlorn looks and pessimistic attitudes all foretell the coming exams which take place next week, January 16 to 20.

These "mid-years" which bring to a close and sum up the past four months of school work, will be given each day from 9.30 to 11.30 and 1.15 to 3.15.

The first exam presents the greatest worry—the start of the grind is always the worst. Then as the days go by, pessimism changes to optimism as we hear comments as the following: "I'm not so worried now that I've had

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DR. HOSKINS TO SPEAK AT MEN'S BANQUET

Dr. Halford L. Hoskins, Dean and Professor of Diplomatic History at Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy of Tufts—Harvard Universities, will talk on "Power Politics in Central Europe" at the Men's Banquet on January 25 at Palmer Hall. The largest attendance ever is expected at this yearly affair.

Everything from artificial wine to nuts will be served at the turkey-dinner. Very interesting entertainment featuring a pantomime with Ralph Grey, Edgar Lord, and Roger Pauze has been prepared by the committee. Willis

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CHANGES

The staff of **THE STICK** has undergone a number of changes in the past few weeks.

Upon the resignation of a most efficient Feature Editor the staff appointed Paul Haire as Feature Editor and Benjamin Mason as Supplement Editor. Paul has worked in various positions on the staff for the past three years. All material and plans for the supplement have been turned over to Benny, who has shown his ability as a worker in many issues.

Emily Yauga has been substituting for Virginia Schmidt, as News Editor, while Virginia is busy with Pinafore. Basketball has claimed our shop foreman. So while Bert Bennett is scoring, Rowe Nevin will manage the shop. John Gemma will proofread, filling Rowe's shoes.

DON'T LET THEM TELL YOU DIFFERENTLY

Don't let anybody tell you we issue a "pee wee" paper. We issue the smallest weekly college newspaper in America as far as we know, that is referring to size. In actual column inches let us compare our paper with the three other Teachers College newspapers. As we are interested in news inches let us not compare advertisement inches. The Bridgewater "Campus Comment" contains 161 inches per month to our 572 for a four-week month and 715 for a five-week month. Basing our comparison on a four-week month we issue a paper three and a half times as large as "Campus Comment", two and a half times as large as Framingham's "Gate Post" and twice as large as Salem's "Log".

Pick up any college paper and we challenge you to find a paper with as many pictures per month as you receive in your **Stick**, barring pictorial sheets of course. You have a paper of which technically you should be proud.

THE ASH TRAY

Things—Just things—yet everyone is interested in them. In giving the matter thought (?) I came to the conclusion that under the heading "things" we include most everything. We are asked to write something. The subject "Oh just anything; your guess is as good as mine." Well—now you know the content of this tray (to be explicit) "Things".

While our graduate body is busy struggling away with the flirting, courtship, engagement, marriage, and divorce of their sole interest "thesis", December 9th issue, our under-graduate body has its problems in "things".

First thing many noticed upon their return back was the mustache situation. We all agree, gentlemen, you took us by surprise, and we are also willing to bet the thing (mustache) surprised even you, their growers.

In looking up its definition we find the word mustache to mean "part of the beard growing on the upper lip." We feel that definition is most adequate, now we know what it is and where to look for it; pardon, but to continue. With the advance of civilization, marked by the invention of the razor (straight and safety) and the electric shaver, men have been known to shave, upper lip included, as often as twice a day. We all understand, of course, that a man shaves twice daily only if something special comes up. We wonder, then, if the owners of these nerve racking growths have been missing out on special things. Our first grower on campus, can be quoted as saying "It was accidental." At the rate accidents (if the rest are from the same cause) are happening on campus, insurance as well as assurance will be dropping. Enough is enough, boys, we give up, but don't you; confidentially, I heard one young lady exclaim "It takes a man to grow a mustache".

Bells are things, especially in the form of bracelets, and, oh dear, if the Freshman girls, who either stole Santa's or received them from well meaning gentleman friends, don't stop sounding them soon something will have to be done.

And while we're still talking of things, have you ever looked at those four things from Greek mythology that stand in the front lobby?

"All good things must come to an end, some sooner than others." I'll wager you are all wishing this was sooner. Nevertheless, students, empty this tray at your leisure.

—By Anna Clifford

H. M. S. PINAFORE PART II

Rupert D'Oyly Carte, son of Richard, who stages the authorized productions today, is in the happy position of watching the operettas make more money in the United States this year than they have ever made before in their sixty-three years of production.

How many times these operettas have been performed no one can possibly tell. There was a time, back in the seventies, when over one hundred "Pinafore" companies were going all at once in the United States, eight of them playing in New York City, and all of them pirated productions so that neither author, composer, or producer received a penny from them. The present manager estimates that there has been over 20,000 non-pirated performances. This figure does not include authorized performances by Australian companies or of times when two or more authorized companies have been playing at once.

When the D'Oyly Carte Company played its first stand in New York, in 1934, it took in \$350,000 worth of paid admissions for a fifteen weeks engagement at the Martin Beck Theatre. In 1936-37 the New York visit lasted nineteen and a half weeks, the engagement being twice extended, with a box office receipt of \$500,000. At the present time the D'Oyly Carte Company is at the beginning of a tour of 144 performances which include Philadelphia, New York, Washington, Pittsburg, Cleveland, New Haven, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Boston.

In May the tour in America will be over and the troop will return to England to start their season there.

So today we find, after sixty three years, the Gilbert and Sullivan operettas supplying forty eight weeks of steady and certain employment every year to the D'Oyly Carte actors who play in them.

EPSILON INITIATING TEAM AT BUFFALO

This month's issue of the Industrial Arts and Vocational Education Magazine should be of special interest to students on our campus. On page 20A there appears a double column picture of members of an initiating team that installed the 19th chapter of EPSILON PI TAU in the state Teachers College at Buffalo, N. Y. There are six F. T. C. men in the picture and five of them in the front row. The local men in the picture are, Mr. MacLean, John Mitchell, John Matyosaitis, Henry Lambert, James Baker, and Joseph Cutler.

SUPERVISORS

During the school year many of the training school supervisors visit school systems outside the city, in order to discover the way things are done in different places.

At the present time many of the supervisors have visited various schools, some far and some near, and it is expected by the end of the year that every supervisor will have had at least one of these beneficial experiences.

These observations have proven to be of great benefit both to the supervisor and the trainer involved, because out of such visits come practical knowledge of new procedures and new ideas for the classroom activities.

STUDENT'S LAMENT

I have studied esthetics, hygiene,
pedagogy, philosophy,
And now poor fool with all my
lore,

I stand no wiser than before,
And know that nothing can be
known—

That knowledge cuts me to the
bone!

—Adapted from *Andon*.

FRESHMEN LIST

Freshman 1

Charlotte Merriam—Westminster. Graduated from Fitchburg High in '38. Member of the Orchestra, Dramatic Club, and the Basketball team.

Angela Mikutaitis—242 South St., Athol. Graduated from Athol High in '38. Belonged to the Basketball team and the school paper.

Evelyn Mucha—54 Casino Ave. Chicopee. Graduated from Chicopee High in '38.

Mary M. O'Conner—177 Charles St. Fitchburg. Graduated from St. Bernards in '38. Secretary of the senior class.

Eileen F. O'Neil—149 Broadway, Chicopee Falls. Graduated from Chicopee High in '38. Belonged to the dramatic club and the Athletic Association.

Marian E. Philbin—18 Winter St. Clinton. Graduated from Clinton High in '38. Belonged to History Circle and Athletic Association.

Catherine W. Proctor—Townsend Harbor. Graduated from Townsend High in '37.

WHAT OTHERS THINK ABOUT OUR PAPER

Clipped from the Exchange column of the Trade Winds which is issued by the students of the Worcester Boy's Trade School. Alfred Grillo is Exchange Editor.

THE STICK, State Teachers College, Fitchburg, Mass: "For a college you have a very neat little book packed with the news that your pupils want to read. If you could clip your pages together, I think it would increase your circulation and help the readers keep their places better."

Polly Stenbridge, exchange editor of the Pioneer from Reading High School, says: "THE STICK, newspaper of State Teachers College out in Fitchburg, is a truly 'Newsy' paper with here and there a touch of humor."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Sometimes I have thought the news in THE STICK was a bit ancient; I have noticed that you didn't run my picture on the front page; and on the occasion, the party that my organization gave, got only six lines in our paper.

But Editor, I'm going to forgive you! You have done an invaluable service for us all by the high class paper that you publish. Some of us, who have taken for granted your contribution to the College, have heard favorable comments on THE STICK as we travelled to other schools. One of my friends in another Teachers College wanted to bet that our paper was not published by a student, but guessed that the editor was a professional newspaper man. We have noticed a great improvement in the mechanical make-up of the paper, and we here-by offer orchids wherever they belong.

Could you, by any chance, get your reporters to learn to write a news story and not a flowery eighth grade essay? However, we just won't worry as long as you keep hold of THE STICK. A College can rise no higher than its publication, and we appreciate your helping us to rise to a high level.

—Another Interested One

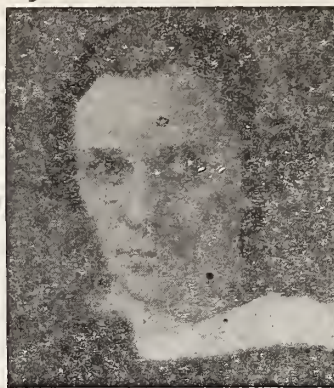
P. S. And never mind about my picture.

Dear Editor,

Next year several of our smaller Western Massachusetts high schools will form an eight team, six-man football league. Among the schools in this league we will have Marshfield, Pembroke, Kingston, Littleton, and West Boylston.

Six-man football is not touch nor pass football. It is not a new game. It is an adaption of regulation eleven-man football to be used in smaller schools.

Eleven-man rules supply the

Debating Club Sponsor

Miss Cunningham

basis of the six-man game. With only one major and eight minor rules adaptations, such as number of players, field dimensions, yardage requirements, and kick-off limitations. The result is a more open, speedier, more colorful and more thrilling game.

Each team is composed of six players. The playing field is eighty yards from goal line to goal line and forty yards wide. The ball is put in play by being kicked from a line twenty yards from the goal that the kicking team is defending. The end zones are ten yards long and forty yards wide. All men of the offensive team but the center are eligible to receive a pass. When the ball is put in play the offensive team must have three or more players on the line of scrimmage. The penalty for violation of this provision is loss of a down and loss of five yards from the place where the ball was put in play. A forward pass may be thrown from any spot behind the line of scrimmage.

The offensive ball carrier who receives the ball from center must pass it to a team-mate before the ball crosses the line of scrimmage. The ball must travel through the air at least two yards after leaving the passer's hand and before entering the

DEBATING CLUB

The Debating Club is presenting the Anglo-American alliance question in an unusual way before the Fitchburg Historical Society on January 16. Helen Gibson will present the various aspects of the affirmative side and Russell Gearan will present the aspects of the negative. They will cross-examine each other and finally summarize their points.

The Debating Club is planning a heavy schedule for the second semester. A return debate to be held here is planned with Salem Teachers College for April. The Oregon system will be used for the first time in that debate. A panel discussion with Bay Path Institute, to be broadcast from a Springfield station is being arranged. Bridgewater Debating Society has asked the Fitchburg club to debate on the Anglo-American alliance at the Horace Mann Auditorium in Bridgewater. Keene Normal School and American International School are also on the Debating Club calendar.

lish. Some of us, who have heard

F.T.C. HEATING SYSTEM

The maintenance of F. T. C.'s heating system and power plant has been claimed by State Inspectors to be the best in the state. Despite the disadvantage of the dusty bituminous coal that is used, one when entering the plant will be surprised by its cleanliness.

Two automatic stokers and one hand stoker feed the large boilers. By direct, indirect, and vacuum heating methods, heat is supplied to all buildings on the campus.

The constant checking of the system makes it possible for a perfect heating system.

receiver's hand.

Why wouldn't it be possible for us to have six-man football in our smaller colleges?

—Lawrence Colson



Campus Chatter



Anna Clifford: To be agreeable to all persons at all times and under all conditions. (as if she wasn't).

Connie Day: To always get plenty to eat.

Mary Gagnon: To forget Bob.

Mary Gibbons: To behave in the library at all times and under all conditions.

Cliff Hulbert: To watch his clothing when he's in church—especially his overcoat.

Claire Andrews: To help unemployed by using plenty of powder, rouge, and lipstick.

Tom Aykroyd: To restrain from humoring teachers unless necessary to get above the red mark.

Harry O'Connell: Not to have any dates.

Walter Harrod: To bring an extra brownie for Henry every day.

Lill Szocik: To eat more and think less.

Joe Cutler: Not to miss any more classes.

Henry Kosciusko: To take his mother (?) to the movies once a week.

Stan English: To keep away from Ram's Horn.

New Year's Resolutions

A. To keep my room respectable at least five days a week.

Exceptions

1. Afternoons I may litter my bed.

2. The books to be used for the day may be piled neatly upon my desk.

3. A wrecked room doesn't count.

4. My closet.

B. To hold a grudge against no man.

Exceptions

1. Women.

2. A temporary grudge.

C. To go to church at least twice monthly.

D. To study at least two hours a night.

Exceptions

1. Week ends.

2. Vacations.

3. Special or unforeseen circumstances.

4. If I have studied in afternoon or morning.

E. To always be friendly to my fellowman as much as possible, to understand and sympathize with him when sympathy is due, and to always be fair, truthful, courageous, and gentlemanly.

Exceptions

1. Throwing the bull.

2. When 'tis better to lie out of a situation.

3. When everyone is gipping.

—Stuart Clemmer

Two to one you can't name the four statues in the front lobby without looking at them—and even money you can't then.

MENS' BANQUET

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B. Anthony will lead the singing.

There will be no dancing after the banquet.

John Gearan Co-op Council Chairman of the Men's Banquet

has as his aids:

Seniors, Joseph Daniels, James Baker; Juniors, Walter Vorse, Stanley English; Soph., James Sullivan, Edward Driscoll; Freshmen, William Foye, and Frank Murphy.



Dr. Hoskins is a graduate of The University of Pennsylvania, 1924. He was the head of Dept. of

History Tufts College 1925-1933, carried on research in Egyptian archives, Cairo, and travelled extensively throughout the Near East under the auspices of the Social Science Research Council, 1930-31, and was American delegate to International Congress of Social Science at Prague, 1938. He is the author of many books some of which are: "European Imperialism in Africa" and "The New Orient".

A rising vote of thanks to Ray Edwards. Those thumbnail sketches of yours added so much to our Tuesday assembly.

"Nancy says she likes the tone of Tom's voice."

"Yes, she thinks there's a ring in it."

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Coach Szocik announced that basketball games will begin the week after exams with three class games. Four color games will follow and end the basketball season.

Last practices were held this week and class teams were chosen.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

At the assembly, Tuesday, Ray Lowe lead the student body in group singing, accompanied by Barbara Baldwin.

We drifted "Down The Old Mill Stream" 'mid "Moonlight and Roses" for the sake of "Memories of Auld Lang Syne", where the leap-frogging Fitchburgers were "Working on the Railroad"—only it was noon so they were eating "Ham 'n Eggs".

The singing came as a pleasant relaxation from the thought of the hectic week coming.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

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Withum with nine were the individual stars.

Saturday night the team played its second game against a veteran Gorham five last years league winners, but were defeated after a hard fought game 39-30.

Capt. Creamer led the scoring with 12 points, followed by Smith, who was closely guarded all night as the Gorham coach had seen his impressive shooting the evening before and thus was held to 6 points. Capt. Gerber of Gorham, the leading scorer last year played his usual brilliant game and scored 15 points, with many of them coming via the foul line.

W. A. A. OUTING

Unfavorable weather conditions forced the indefinite postponement of the W. A. A. Winter outing at East Jaffrey which was scheduled for Saturday, January seven.

EXAMS

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a few" "I've had my two hardest" "Only three more to go—I don't think they'll be bad."

With the end of exam week, we should get a new outlook on our school work. If we haven't done our best this last semester, we should modify our ways—get a fresh start with the beginning of the new term.

Good luck to everyone!

TRAINERS TEACHING AT SAXONVILLE

For the past two weeks Joseph E. Cutler, Senior P. A. student has been teaching at Saxonville, a suburb of Framingham. He has been acting as attendant substitute in woodworking, Physical Education, and Civics at the Junior High School there. Beginning the week of the 16th John Matyosaitis will take Cutler's place for another two week period.

SCHEDULE

Monday

- 12:35—Intra-mural board meeting.
- 3:00—Intra-mural basketball.
- 4:00—Basketball practice.

Tuesday

- 11:00—Assembly.
- 12:2 —Mixed athletics (gym).
- 4:00—Girls' basketball.
- 4:00—Basketball practice.

Wednesday

- 12:20—Mixed athletics (gym).
- 4:00—Girls' bowling.
- 4:00—Intra-mural basketball.
- 6:00—Mens' banquet.

Thursday

- 4:00—Girls' basketball.
- 4:00—Basketball practice.

Friday

- 12:20—Mixed athletics.
- 8:00—Junior Prom.

Saturday

Basketball game.

INTRA-MURAL BASKETBALL

Last week one game was played in which the up and coming Seniors defeated the Freshmen C team 45 to 22.

Capt. Guilfoil lead his team in an easy victory, by scoring 16 points, and was ably supported by Baker with 10 points and Gearan with 13.

After a slow start which found the Seniors leading 14-8, at the half, the long shooting artists went into action and bombarded the Fresh basket to score 31 points in the last half. Capt. James, in vain, tried to rally his teammates to stop the Senior attack; so the Freshmen lost their third game of the season.

Two weeks ago the Seniors defeated Sophomore B 25-13 for their second victory, and Junior A won their second game by defeating a very weak Freshmen A team 29-11. Lukkala with 13 points was high scorer of the day.

On Monday, the Sophomore A team defeated Sophomore B 38-26 in a close game.

The Sophomore A team led 14-2 at the end of the first quarter, but the B team swung into action and at the half were behind only 22-18. At the end of the third quarter they again were in arrears, this time 30-24. However in the final period Stanley scored three opportune baskets to lead his team to victory.

In the second game, but there was no second game, just a forfeit by Freshmen C to A.

Parent Teachers Association

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Ann McIntire, Library; Rita Hastings, Historical Society; Marie Neudorf, Local Business; Gertrude Ruane, Agencies useful when teaching under a unit plan; Paul Martilla, Art Center; Joseph Daniels, Theater.

In conclusion, Miss White gave a complete addendum touching those subjects not taken up in the preceding discourses.